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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 09/902,047
Applicant(s) : Paul Irma Albertus Van Dijk
Filed : July 10, 2001
Title : Retardation Of Discoloration Of Dicarboxylic Acids
TC/A.U. : 1615
Examiner : Simon J. Oh
Conf. No. : 7758
Docket No. : CM2394M
Customer No. : 27752

1. ☒ No additional fees (claims fees or extension fees) are known to be required.
2. ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated 6/23/03 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$0 for a 0-month extension of time.
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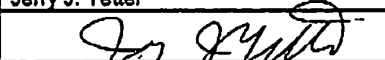
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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Application Number | 09/902,047 |
| | Filing Date | July 10, 2001 |
| | First Named Inventor | Paul Irma Albertus Van Dijk |
| | Group Art Unit | 1615 |
| | Examiner Name | Simon J. Oh |
| | Attorney Docket Number | CM2394M |
| | Confirmation Number | 7758 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of 6/23/03, made Final. A timely Amendment and Notice of Appeal in response to that Office Action were filed 9/23/03. An Appeal Brief would have been due 11/23/03. Prosecution is now being reopened by filing this RCE, with its supporting Amendment. Since this filing falls within the 2-month period set for filing the Appeal Brief, no late fee is believed to be due. If any such late fee is due, please charge it to the Assignee's Deposit Account 16-2480.

Please amend the application and consider the following remarks in support of patentability.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.